

REMARKS

1. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31 are pending.

2. RESTRICTION

The Examiner restricted the originally filed Claims 1-31 claims into the following 6 groups:

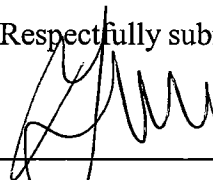
- Group I: Claims 1-22, "drawn to a method for altering the level of hematopoietic progenitor cell adhesion to target tissue,"
- Group II: Claims 23-30, "drawn to a method for screening a test compound for altering the level of hematopoietic progenitor cell adhesion to target tissue," and
- Group III: Claim 31, "drawn to a method for isolating hematopoietic progenitor cells from a tissue."

3. ELECTION

Applicants elect **Group I**, Claims 1-22, "drawn to a method for altering the level of hematopoietic progenitor cell adhesion to target tissue," without traverse.

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